

# In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 17-0429V

Filed: September 18, 2017

UNPUBLISHED

LEANNE KNAPP,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

Special Processing Unit (SPU);  
Ruling on Entitlement; Concession;  
Causation-In-Fact; Tetanus  
Diphtheria acellular Pertussis (Tdap)  
Vaccine; Shoulder Injury Related to  
Vaccine Administration (SIRVA)

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*Darryl R. Wishard, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for respondent.*

## RULING ON ENTITLEMENT<sup>1</sup>

**Dorsey**, Chief Special Master:

On March 27, 2017, Leanne Knapp (“petitioner”) filed a petition for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. §300aa-10, *et seq.*,<sup>2</sup> (the “Vaccine Act”). Petitioner alleges that as a result of receiving the tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis (“Tdap”) vaccine on May 9, 2016, she suffered a left shoulder injury related to vaccine administration (“SIRVA”). Petition at 1-2. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On September 18, 2017, respondent filed his Rule 4(c) report in which he concedes that petitioner is entitled to compensation in this case. Respondent’s Rule

<sup>1</sup> Because this unpublished ruling contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, the undersigned intends to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims’ website, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002. 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2012) (Federal Management and Promotion of Electronic Government Services). In accordance with Vaccine Rule 18(b), petitioner has 14 days to identify and move to redact medical or other information, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy. If, upon review, the undersigned agrees that the identified material fits within this definition, the undersigned will redact such material from public access.

<sup>2</sup> National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-660, 100 Stat. 3755. Hereinafter, for ease of citation, all “§” references to the Vaccine Act will be to the pertinent subparagraph of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa (2012).

4(c) Report at 1. Specifically, respondent states that “petitioner’s alleged injury is consistent with SIRVA, and that it was caused-in-fact by the Tdap vaccine that she received on May 9, 2016.” *Id.* at 4. Respondent further agrees that no other causes for petitioner’s SIRVA were identified and that petitioner has met the statutory requirements for entitlement to compensation. *Id.*

**In view of respondent’s position and the evidence of record, the undersigned finds that petitioner is entitled to compensation.**

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**s/Nora Beth Dorsey**

Nora Beth Dorsey

Chief Special Master